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## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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## WATER AND WASTEWATER

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF ) ORDER FURTHER SUSPENDING ELIZABETHTOWN WATER COMPANY ) INCREASES, CHANGES OR FOR APPROVAL OF AN INCREASE IN ) ALTERATIONS IN RATES FOR WATER SERVICE ) FOR SERVICE

**DOCKET NO. WR03070510** 

(SERVICE LIST ATTACHED)

## BY THE BOARD:

On July 10, 2003, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21 and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.12, Petitioner, Elizabethtown Water Company, a public utility of the State of New Jersey subject to the jurisdiction of the Board of Public Utilities and serving approximately 203,000 water customers within the counties of Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Morris, Somerset and Union filed a petition for a revision of its rates proposed to become effective August 9, 2003.

On July 18, 2003, the Board transmitted this matter to the Office of Administrative Law for hearings. On August 6, 2003, the Board suspended these rates until December 9, 2003, pending a determination on the hearings on the justness and reasonableness of Petitioner's rates.

In light of the fact that this proceeding is pending before the Office of Administrative Law, the Board <u>HEREBY ORDERS</u>, pursuant to <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 48:2-21, that the proposed revisions be and the same are hereby further suspended until April 9, 2004, unless the Board, prior to this date, makes a determination disposing of the petition.

DATED: <b>11/17/03</b>	BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES BY:	
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## IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF ELIZABETHTOWN WATER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF AN INCREASE IN RATES FOR WATER SERVICE BPU DOCKET NO. WR03070510

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